



Logging Camp Trail



This trail is evidence of successful restoration of former logging road.

TRAILHEAD DIRECTIONS

Starting at the Whiskeytown Visitor Center, drive south on Kennedy Memorial Drive towards the Whiskeytown Dam. The road forks. Take the left fork which becomes Paige Bar Road. Look for the parking area at the Mt. Shasta Mine trailhead. The dirt road directly across from the parking area leads to the trailhead.

Hikers may wish to drive down the dirt road and cross the bridge. Park near the restrooms at the Peltier Bridge Primitive Campground.

Mountain bikers and equestrians should park at the Mount Shasta Mine trailhead. Cross the paved road and continue down the dirt road, crossing the bridge. Look for the trailhead sign on the southeast side of the restrooms.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

From the southeast side of the restroom proceed on the road adjacent to Clear Creek to a signed trail that climbs the hill above the lower campsites. At the top you will see the Hydraulic Mine trail sign on the left. Continue to the right to a metal gate and follow the road downhill. The trailhead sign for Logging Camp Trail is located to the right across a small stream.

FEATURES**

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Length: 1.0 mile one way

Award winning watershed restoration

This trail connects to the Kanaka Peak Loop Trail

See Kanaka Peak Loop Trail Guide before hike.

The trail follows a watershed that runs east to west. The left side of the trail receives more shade and moisture than the sunny and drier right side.

Different plant species are seen on the left side. Notice fir, maple, alder, fern and wild grape on the south side. On the sunny right side, oak, pine and manzanita are seen.

As the trail starts to climb, try to envision a road big enough to accommodate loaded logging trucks. Also take note of trail restoration.

The old road is now underneath the existing trail. Using heavy equipment, soil was hauled back from the downhill side of the

road and piled on the uphill side to restore the slope. This is the same soil pushed to the downhill side of the slope decades ago by bulldozers as they graded the way to the bountiful trees upland. The area has since been revegetated with native grasses and shrubs such as willow.

The trail ends at the intersection of the Kanaka Peak Loop Trail. Return the way you came or read the Kanaka Peak Trail Guide for further information.

TRAIL CLOSURES

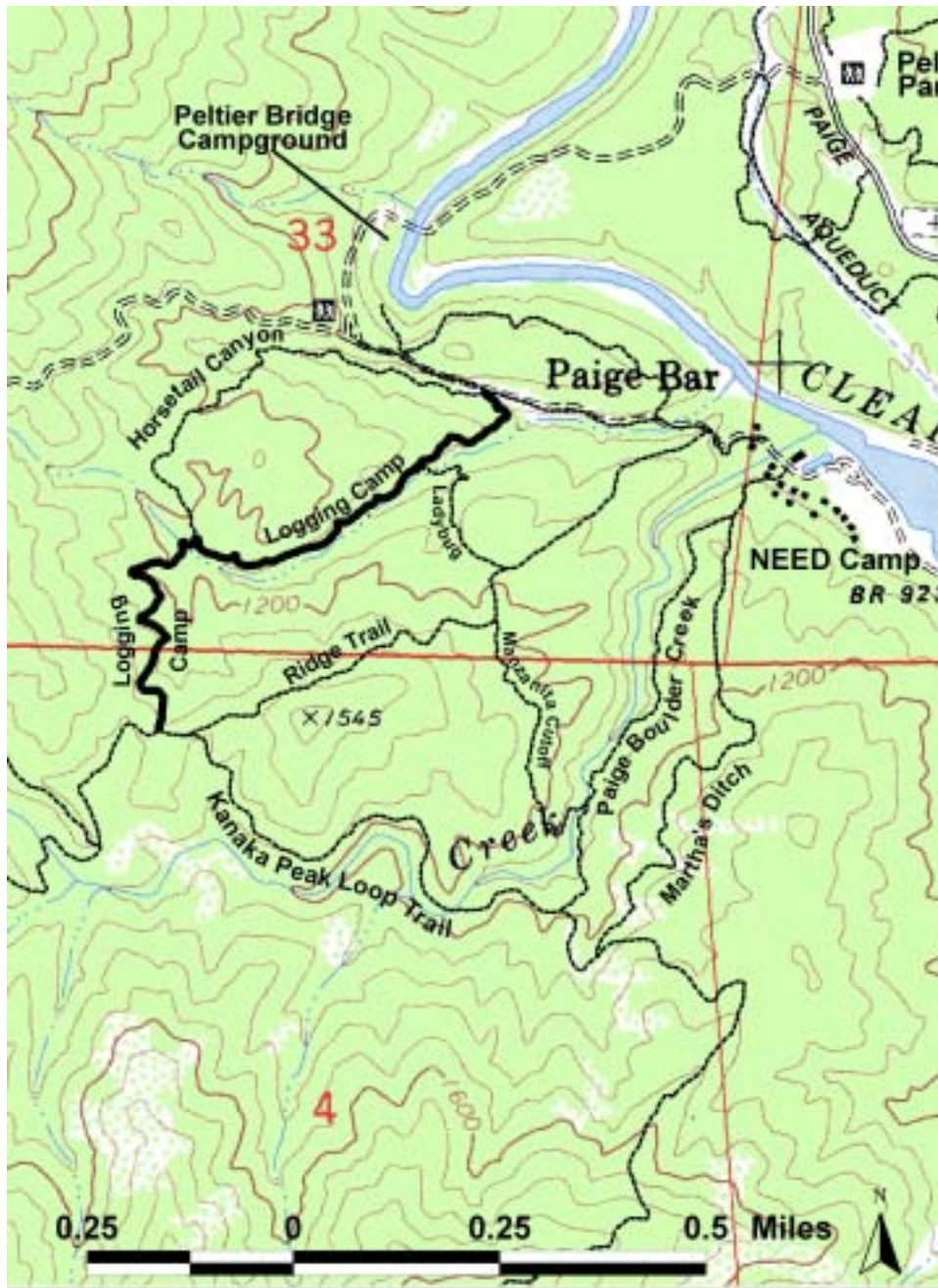
Horsetail Canyon and Lady Bug Lane trails are closed to the public. These trails are hiked by the Whiskeytown Environmental School students as part of their outdoor education. Thank you for staying off these trails so that students may have a "Wilderness Experience".

OBSERVE THE EFFECTS OF RESTORATION AROUND YOU

"Before" photo (right) of the road prior to restoration. Note erosion on downhill side of trail. As you hike along this trail, look for places where this is working, and where follow up work may be needed.



The former road cut on this trail was mostly filled in and restored as close as possible to its pre road condition. The remaining trail has been outsloped to allow water to drain without creating ditches and gullies. Native vegetation has been encouraged by planting and mulching with straw.



Trails of the Past

Each of the trails in the map section of this trail guide has a different story of past and present human use. While this guide focuses mainly on the Logging Camp trail, visitors should feel free to take short side trips from the main trail or add them in as part of an extended adventure into the backwoods.

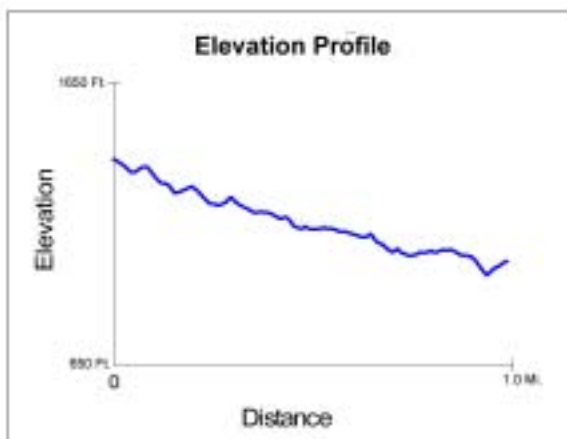
The Hydraulic Mine trail, for example, has tales stemming from the heyday of the California Gold Rush.

The Lady Bug Lane and Horsetail Canyon trails were probably discovered in the early 1970's by 5th and 6th grade students from the Whiskeytown Environmental School. Students still walk these and other trails to learn about the surrounding natural environment.

Finally, the Logging Camp and Ridge trails were once dusty roads used to harvest the forest during the middle of the 20th century. As a result of a landside and debris torrent higher up in the hills in January 1997, this old logging road was converted to a trail through the efforts of various partners.

While all of the trails offer unique opportunities to explore and discover the backwoods of Whiskeytown, Logging Camp Trail provides a more significant story about an award winning restoration of a landscape that was damaged by past logging practices. Today one can see the landscape as it once was before road construction and experience a more natural and scenic route to be enjoyed by all.

For more information about watershed restoration and this award winning trail visit <http://www.salixaec.com>.



During the spring Dogwood trees offer up their white leaves disguised to look like a flower while hiding the true flower cluster in the middle.